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IN REPLY PLEASE

REFER TO FILE: **PD-5**

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**HOLLYWOOD BOWL PARK-AND-RIDE BUS SERVICE
REQUEST FOR WAIVER FROM THE
CONTRACTOR EMPLOYEE JURY SERVICE ORDINANCE
ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS
3 VOTES**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Approve a request by the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority for a waiver under County Code 2.203.020.C.1 of the County's requirements under the Contractor Employee Jury Service Ordinance for the Hollywood Bowl Park-and-Ride bus service due to special circumstances relating to the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority's collective bargaining agreements. In consideration for receiving this waiver, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority agrees to raise the issue during the next bargaining cycle.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) requests a waiver under Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.203.020.C.1, which provides that the jury service requirements may be waived with respect to a contract where the Board finds that special circumstances exist that justify a waiver of the requirements of this (jury service) chapter. The jury service requirements are not included in the collective bargaining agreements currently in place between the MTA and its employees. If the Board grants this waiver, the MTA will raise the issue in its next bargaining cycle with its employees, which is scheduled to occur in the fall of 2006.

Following are the special circumstances for the Hollywood Bowl Park-and-Ride bus service.

The MTA provides express Hollywood Bowl Park-and-Ride bus service from 2 of the 15 park-and-ride lots. These two lots, Torrance and Westwood, have the greatest demand. They require as many as 14 two-door transit style buses for each lot for each event. Over 28 percent of the park-and-ride patrons use these two lots. We do not have another Hollywood Bowl Park-and-Ride bus service vendor with the capacity to fulfill this need. Those who use these two lots will find it difficult to use alternative modes of transportation to get to the Hollywood Bowl.

Public Works issued Requests for Proposals to provide this park-and-ride service, and the MTA was the only contractor to respond to our request for service for these two lots.

The Hollywood Bowl Park-and-Ride bus service is dependent on MTA's personnel, equipment, and subcontractors to provide efficient services that patrons have come to expect.

For the past 31 Hollywood Bowl summer seasons, this park-and-ride bus service has provided transportation to over one quarter of the Hollywood Bowl attendees. Our service encourages the use of public transit, is culturally and recreationally beneficial to the citizens of the County, and alleviates traffic congestion near the Hollywood Bowl as well as in the Los Angeles region. Seniors, families, and persons with disabilities are especially dependent on our service.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

Approving this action meets the County's Strategic Plan Goal of Service Excellence as it provides services to the public in a responsive manner and allows our residents to enjoy the arts. Providing this service improves the mobility of residents and decreases the congestion near the Hollywood Bowl.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There is no fiscal impact to the General Fund associated with the recommended action. The Hollywood Bowl Park-and-Ride bus service program will be financed by Proposition A Local Return Top-of-Pot Transit funds, available in the Transit Enterprise Fund, administered by Public Works.

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FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Granting a waiver will exempt the MTA from the Contractor Employee Jury Service Ordinance as set forth in the County Code 2.203.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

On December 19, 2000, Synopsis 67, your Board found that the park-and-ride service is a discretionary project that is statutorily exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Public Resources Code 21080(b) (10).

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Approval of a waiver will allow the MTA to continue participating in our Hollywood Bowl Park-and-Ride program. This will allow us to continue providing quality bus service to our patrons from the Torrance and Westwood Park-and-Ride lots.

Failure to grant the waiver will have a negative impact on the Hollywood Bowl Park-and-Ride bus service and our efforts to serve our patrons and eliminate congestion in the Hollywood area as well as regionally. We will be unable to meet the demand for bus service at the two lots as the MTA was the only contractor to respond to our Requests for Proposals for these two lots.

CONCLUSION

Upon approval, please return two approved copies of this letter to us.

Respectfully submitted,

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cc: Chief Administrative Office
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